The Daily Courant.

Monday, September 6. 1708.

From the Paris Gazette, dated Sept. 7.

Tournay, Sept. 2.

THE Parties of the King's two Armies and of the Garrisons of the Frontier Places, take every Day a great Number of Soldiers, Horses, and Waggons. A few Days ago, a Party from Mons took 100 Bread-Waggons. The 25th of last Month, a Party brought into the Camp of Lovendegem 32 Carts loaded with Brandy and other Provisions; and Brigadier Jacob Pasteur took a Booty likewise of 50 Waggons and Carts loaded with Ammunition. So great a Number of Horses have been taken, that there's no selling them in the King's two Armies. A good Number of Deserters come over to us daily, becaus of the dearness of Provisions, which continues in the Army of the Allies. The 27th of last Month the Marshal Duke of Berwick march'd from Mons with 27 Battalions and 92 Squadrons. He pass'd by Soignies without any Obstacle; and the 28th he arriv'd at Herines below Enghien, within 2 Leagües of Ninove. The Duke of Burgundy having sent the heavy Baggage to Dunkirk, and left with the Count de la Mothe a Body of Troops sufficient for keeping Ghent and Bruges, march'd likewise the 27th, and arriv'd at Ninove, where the Marshal Berwick waited on him the 30th: The two Armies joyn'd near Gramont, and thence advanc'd with such Expedition by the shortest Way, that the 31st part of the Army arriv'd on the side of the Schelde near Tournay, and the rest arriv'd there the 1st of this Month at 9 in the Morning. Last Night they began to pass the Schelde over several Bridges which had been provided. To Day at Noon they made an End of Passing, and are now encamp'd within three quarters of a League of this Place, where their Artillery will joyn them to Night. The Army is reinforc'd continually by Detachments from all the Frontier Garrisons. My Lord Marlborough pass'd the Schelde the 30th, and the 31st encamp'd at Pont a Tresin on the Marque. The Enemy lose a great Number of Men before Lisle, by the Fire of the Place, and by the Sallies of the Garrison. My Lord Marlborough had detach'd 4000 Grenadiers for attacking the Cover'd Way. The Enemy's Troops suffer much by Want of Provisions, and their Fire has lessen'd considerably since the 1st Instant. The * heavy and light Baggage of our Army, is brought hither, to Conde, and to Valenciennes: M. de Cheladet is detach'd with 3000 Horse, to approach the Enemy.

From the Paris Letter dated Sept. 7.

Paris, Sept. 7. The last Letters from the Army of the Duke of Burgundy, left him at the Abbey of Chisoin three Leagues on this side of Tournay, marching towards the Enemy; and tell us, * that the Count de Chemerant with a Body of 25000 Men had the Van-guard, and was advancing towards the Source of the little River Marque, where the Artillery which had been provided at Doway, in Number 90 Cannon, was to joyn him. That the River was almost dry'd up. That *M.* de Chelader, with his Detachment of 3000 Horse, * had forc'd the Troops my Lord Marlborough had left there, making himself Master of that Passage and taking 500 Prisoners: That Deserters had reported, that they believ'd My Lord Marlborough was gone to encamp with the Left on the Marque and the Right on the Deule to cover the Lines of the Siege: That 'twas the Report in our Army that the Design of the Duke of Burgundy was to march down the Marque and extend his Troops above Launay, to cut of the Road of Audenarde from the Enemy: And, that he had sent his Order of Battle to the King, which his Majesty had much approv'd. The Troops express incredible Eagerness to come at the Enemy, who according to all the Letters from our Frontier Places seem to be shut up in their Intrenchments and to be in want of the chief Necessaries of Life. As to the Siege, if your Journalists were as impartial as they are politick, they would tell us, (what we learn by Letters from Ypres, Doway, and Arras,) that the Besiegers made * repeated Attacks on Lisle, the 30th and 31st past, and the 1st and 2d of this Month, in which they were vigorously repuls'd: Our Letters do not all agree, that these Attacks were made on the Cover'd-Way, some assuring us that the Enemy are not yet come within 40 Toises of it, but that they possess'd themselves of some Works from which they were afterwards beaten, with so great a Los of Men, that they were oblig'd to desire a Cessation of Arms to fetch off their kill'd and wounded, of which last 60 Waggons full were sent to *Menin*. They add, that their Troops are so dishearten'd, that they absolutely refuse to return to such Service, insomuch that My Lord Marlborough was oblig'd to detach 4000 Grenadiers from his Army to serve in the Siege: That the Marshal de Boufflers had signified, that he was not in haste to be Succour'd, that he had Time before him, and that at worst he had made all necessary Dispositions for standing a general Assalt. We impatiently expect to hear the Decision of Affairs in Flanders, which employs our whole Attention and has silenc'd all other News.

* 'The Paris Gazetteer has sent away the Duke 'of Burgundy's heavy and light Baggage from his 'Army; and this Letter-Writer has brought that Army down in full March directly towards the Allies. 'They will have the Honour of telling the World in 'their next, that no earthly thing is come of all this 'threatning Prepartion. The Presence of this Duke 'of Burgundy in the French Army, is probably the 'Occasion that we cannot get from the Enemy any 'Relations of this Campaign in Flanders, but what 'are disguis'd and interwoven with Fictions: The 'Author of the Paris Mercure, has written a large 'Book purposely to shew, that the *Action*, the *Combat*, 'the *Affaire* of Audenarde, (for a *Battle* he will not 'call it,) was to the Advantage of the French, or at 'worst but a drawn Engagement; when the 'World knows that their whole Army ran all away: 'And if that be not a Proof of a total Defeat, 'Men have hitherto err'd strangely in the Use of 'Language. So agen, what Fictions have we been 'told in a former Paris Gazette and Letter, of Sallies 'from Lisle by which the Besiegers lost thousands of 'Men at a Time; and now (in this Letter) of an Action 'at Pont a Tressin, as well as of Attacks on Lisle; 'of which the Advices on the Part of the Allies are 'wholly silent? The French would insinuate that the 'Allies suppress the Accounts of their Losses, and 'Misrepresent the Actions of the Campaign; but 'that will not pass upon any Man, who will consider, 'that the Advices from Flanders to Holland come 'from divers Hands and from various Places, lying so 'near to the Scene of Action that there is no Colour 'to imagine the Generals of the Allies and Deputies 'of the States can pretend to impose false Relations 'of things done just at the Door and under the Eye 'of the Flemings and Dutch; the rather because 'their Affairs are in so good a Condition that they 'need not have recourse to Fiction. Were the Que'stion about the War in Spain, perhaps the great 'Distance might afford some Temptation for dis'guising the true State of our Affairs there? But Flan'ders is too near, and Advices both publick and pri'vate too easy to be had, for such Artifices to be put 'in Practice there.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated Sept. 11.

From the Camp at Fretin, Sept. 6. The 4th Instant very early in the Morning, Orders were given for sending all the Baggage behind the Dutch Artillery. About 9 a Clock the Army march'd, the Solders having loaded their Tents on Horses to be brought after them. Prince Eugene and the Prince of Nassau had joyn'd us with all the Cavalry from the Siege, and 26 Battallions. About Noon we came with the Front of our Army over against Mont en Pevelle. We were drawn up in

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ſingular and uncommon: 100 Squadrons of Horſe form'd the firſt Line; 80 Squadrons the ſecond; the third was compo'd of 104 Battallions of Foot; and on the Wings a fourth Line was made by 48 Squadrons. The whole is 104 Battallions and 228 Squadrons. The Imperialiſts and Pruſſians had the Right, the Engliſh and Danes the Left, the Dutch and Hannoverians the Centre. The Right extended to Noyelles, and the Left to Fretin and Peronne, the Deule being on the Right, and the Marque on the Left. The Artillery was at the Head of the Army. Brigadier Naſſau-Woudenberg was detach'd with the Regiments of Dedem, Fagel, Heukelom, and Saliſch, to ſecure the Poſt of Antie. It was not doubted the Enemy deſign'd to attack us: They had advanc'd in Order of Battle as far as Merignies: But inſtead of proceeding forward, they ſtop'd and pitch'd their Tents. The two Armies were ſo near each other, that we heard their Drums. In this ſituation we continued all Night, thinking the Enemy had put off the Engagement to the next Day. General Fagel, after a hard March, joyn'd us the Evening of the 4th with 8 Battallions and 8 Squadrons. The 5th at Day break, the Army was drawn up in Battalia, and ſtood ſo till 9 in the Morning: But the Enemy making no Motion, tho' they might have come to us over the Plain with 30 Squadrons in Front, we were order'd to encamp agen. The Enemy ſeeming only to deſign to amuſe us, to retard the Siege of Liſle, and to ſurprize us if poſſible, the Generals reſolv'd we ſhould intrench ourſelves. To that end, about 2 in the Afternoon every Regiment was order'd to furniſh 100 Men, which in all made 10000, who work'd yeſterday and to Day to throw up an Intrenchment, with ſuch Expedition, Care being taken to relieve them every 6 Hours, that it will be finiſh'd to morrow. This Intrenchment will be 12 Foot broad and 6 deep. It extends from the Mill of Noyelles to that of Fretin, and paſſes between Seclin and Templeuve. By this Means we are poſſeſs'd of all the Ground between the Marque and the upper Deule. This Morning at Day break, we were commanded to draw up agen into Order of Battle, and kept in that Poſture till 7 a Clock, when it began to rain, and the Troops were order'd back to their Tents. The Quarter Maſters have mark'd out a Camp behind the Intrenchment, and the Army will move into it to morrow: The Infantry will form the firſt Lines; and the Cavalry will be behind them, and on the Wings. In this ſituation we ſhall be able to ſend all the neceſſary Reinforcements for attacking Liſle with the greater Vigour. Prince Eugence and the Prince of Naſſau are gone back thither to Day, with all their Foot and Half their Horſe. We reaſon much on the Inaction of the Enemy, who continue encamp'd at Merignies, with 238 Squadrons, 126 Battallions, and a numerous Artillery. Some ſay, that the Duke of Vendome has no Order to fight, but only to cover the frontier Places and preſerve his Army: Others believe, that after having obſerv'd the Condition and Situation of our Army, he has thought fit to inform the Court therewith, and expects their laſt Orders, being unwilling to take upon himſelf the Riſque of a Battle of ſuch Conſequence.

From the Camp at Fretin, Sept. 10. The 7th an Aſſault was made on the Counterſcarp of Liſle: A Lieutenant General, 2 Majors General, and Brigadier Sabin (who had been detach'd with 2500 Men from the Army of the Duke of Marlborough,) were the chief Officers who commanded on this Occaſion. For the right Attack were appointed 800 Grenadiers, with as many Fuſileers to ſupport them; and for the left Attack 1600 Grenadiers and as many Fuſileers; with 2000 Workmen and 60 Carpenters at each Attack. The 10 Battallions which reliev'd the Trenches were order'd to ſupport the whole. The Signal being given about 7 a Clock, the Grenadiers march'd immediately out of the Trenches, all the Batteries firing to cover them. They ſoon drove the Enemy from the Palliſades; but afterwards the Fire from the Ramparts, and 3 Mines which were ſprung, kill'd and wounded a good Number of Men and ſeveral Ingeniers. Yet 3 great Lodgements were made, one on the Saliant Angle of the Counterguard, and one on each Hornwork. The 8th the Communication between the Lodgments was carrid on, and Men were ſet to Work to remove the Batteries to the Glacis of the Counterſcarp, in order to ruine that part of the Defences which lie ſo low that they could not be ſeen from the firſt Batteries. The two Armies continue in their former Situation, within half a League of each other.

A Letter from the P. of Naſſau to the States General.

High and Mighty Lords,

THE Diſpoſitions for attacking the Counterſcarp were made ſome Days ago; but the near Approach of the Enemy's Army, and the conſiderable Detachments which we were oblig'd to ſend from hence to the grand Army, were the Cauſe why this Action could not be put in Execution till laſt Night; after the Arrival of 700 Grenadiers, a like Number of Fuſileers, and 600 Workmen from the ſaid grand Army.

At the Right Attack between the lower Deule and the Gate of St. Andrew, of which M. des Roques had the Direction, were 800 Grenadiers, ſupported by a like Number of Fuſileers, with 30 Carpenters and 2000 Workmen; and at the Left Attack between the ſaid River and the Gate of Magdalen, of which M. du Mee had the Direction, were 1600 Grenadiers, with as many Fuſiliers to ſupport them, 30 Carpenters and 2000 Workmen. Two Hours before the Attack, our Batteries made a continual Fire on all the Bulwarks, to diſorder the Enemy; and on a Signal of 3 Cannon-ſhot with a general Diſcharge of all the Artillery, the Aſſault was begun about 8 a Clock, with ſuch good Order, Vigour, and Courage of all the Officers and Soldiers in general, that the Counterſcarps, tho' defended by 200 Men out of every Regiment, were carry'd in a ſhort Time, and Lodgments made on the Cover'd-Way: But the Enemy making a long and very violent Fire from the Outworks, with Cannon, Mortars, and Muſquets, we loſt by that Fire and the ſpringing of three Mines a good Number of Men in the Cover'd Way.

I cannot yet give your High Mightineſſes an Authentick Account of the true Number of the kill'd and wounded, but believe that not many ſhort of 1000 Men are diſabled from doing Service: I ſhall cauſe a Liſt to be given me, and ſend it by the next Poſt to your High Mightineſſes.

The further neceſſary Diſpoſitions are made for carrying on with effectual Vigour this great and important Siege: To which I hope the good God will graciouſly give his Bleſſing. I remain,

High and Mighty Lords

Your High Mightineſſes moſt obedient Servant

From the Camp before Liſle, Sep. 8. 1708. J.W.F. Prince of Orange and Naſſau.

From the Leiden Courant, dated Sept. 12. &c.

Bruſſels, Sept. 10. We have Intelligence from a good Hand, that the Duke of Vendome who has drawn out all the Garriſons of Places on the Frontier, to enable him to attempt the Relief of Liſle; has Order, in Caſe he find that Attempt impracticable, to furniſh the fortified Towns of French Flanders with ſtrong Garriſons, and to hold himſelf on the defenſive. Some Advices ſay that M. de Chamillard is arriv'd in the French Army.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, to Morrow being Tueſday, the 7th of September, will be preſented a Comedy call'd, The Recruiting Officer. All the Parts to be perform'd to the beſt Advantage. And on Thurſday next will be Acted Hamlet Prince of Denmark. The Part of Hamlet to be perform'd by Mr. Thurmond.

Theſe Plays are Sold by J. Knapton at the Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard, and B. Lintott next Nando's Coffee-Houſe, Temple-Bar.

The late Goods of Mr. Richard Hide Woollen-Draper in Lombard-ſtreet, viz. Broad Cloths, Kerſeys, Druggets, Camlets plain, Camlets ſtript and bar'd, Callamancoes ſtript and plain, and ſundry ſorts of Stuffs, &c. are to be Sold by the Candle at the Marine Coffee-houſe in Birchin-Lane on Friday the 10th Inſtant, at 2 in the Afternoon, and to be ſeen at the Out-ropers-Office upon the Royal Exchange till the time of Sale.

A Bank Note of 50 l. N°. 135. payable to Robert Churchill, loſt on Saturday the 4th Inſtant in the Afternoon, between the Bank and Queen-ſtreet Cheapſide. Whoever has taken it up, and brings it to Richard Churchill Plummer in Biſhopſgate-ſtreet within the Gate, ſhall have 10 s. Reward, Payment being ſtop'd at the Bank.

Left on Friday laſt in a Hackney Coach or loſt between St. James's Place and Serjeant's-Inn in Fleet-ſtreet, between 11 and 12 a Clock at Noon, a Cornelian Seal ſet in Gold, with W. R. in a Cypher, tied to a Green Silk Purſe, in which was a ſmall matter of Money, of which no notice ſhall be taken. Whoever brings the ſaid Seal to Mr. Ewens at the Falcon in the Back-walk in Exeter-Change in the Strand, ſhall have 10 s. Reward.

Loſt from a Gentleman's Chambers in the Temple laſt Week, a Fallow-colour'd ſhagy Greyhound Bitch. Whoever brings her to Mr. Jer. Newbrough in Fullwood's-Rents near Gray's-Inn, ſhall receive 10 s. Reward.

A Wharf very convenient for Landing Timber, Coles, Malt, and other Goods, now in the Poſſeſſion of Mr. Tho. Gray, near Ship Brewhouſe-Stairs, is to be Let at Michaelmas. Enquire at Cole's Coffee-houſe in Bartholomew-Lane behind the Royal Exchange.

On Friday the 10th Inſtant will be expos'd to Sale at Lloyd's Coffee-houſe in Lombard-ſtreet, at 5 a Clock preciſely, 38 Buts and 8 Hhds of new Barcelona Black Wines, an intire Parcel lately landed, none ſold out, lying in Bear-Lane near the Cuſtom-houſe. To be ſeen from Wedneſday the 8th Inſtant at the uſual Hours to the time of Sale. Sold by S. Proctor and T. Stevenſon.

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